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RESPONSE

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AMENDMENT "A"

In the specification:

Rewrite the paragraph extending from page 9 – page 10 as follows:

01 Additionally, the rigidly fixed interconnection between the receptacles and the channel provides significant advantages. Because the receptacles are not hingedly connected to the channel, weak points and product failure are avoided. The assembled sawhorse is able to support much larger weights in a much more stable fashion than is possible using known sawhorse brackets. Because the longitudinal axes of the tubular receptacles form obtuse angles with the beam accommodating channel, an even stronger stable support is provided.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1 – 9 and replace with new claims 10 - 28 as follows:

02 10. (new) A bracket for a multiple piece stand, which stand includes a plurality of elongate legs and an elongate beam supported on a substantially horizontal surface by the legs, said bracket comprising: